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REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

For Mayor, ALBERT S. COMSTOCK.

For Aldermen, C. LESLIE HOPKINS, HERBERT M. LEBRON.

For Councilmen, BARZILLAI P. BISHOP, A. CHARLES HATCH, STEPHEN H. HARRIS, JOHN HEATH.

For City Clerk, ARTHUR C. GARY.

For City Treasurer, IRA L. PECK.

For City Sheriff, GEORGE O. BENSON.

For Water Commissioner, ANSEL A. BECKWITH.

SPECIAL CITY MEETING.

The special city meeting at City hall tonight, called upon the petition of 20 citizens to consider the question of a new charter for the city of Norwich, is of interest to every taxpayer and invites the attention of all citizens who profess to take an intelligent interest in municipal affairs.

There is no partisan to the movement—it isn't partisan and should not be permitted to be given a political turn. The matter does not have the merit of being new, for attention has been called to it several times since 1901, but partisan differences have caused delay in the accomplishment of the work.

It appears now to have taken a non-partisan start, and let us hope that it will be carried forward in a harmonious spirit in the interests of the whole people. Politics should be completely eliminated from it, and a commission composed of able and conservative lawyers, scholars and business men should be appointed to do the work. Politicians and men known to have axes to grind are not the men who should be entrusted with a work of such importance as the making of a charter for the city of Norwich. It is a matter which cannot be settled in a day, and when framed for acceptance should be submitted to the people for their approval.

The object of most of the charters of late years has been to increase the power of the people and to hold to greater responsibility all public servants. The Los Angeles and other schemes include a referendum by which the people can take an intelligent public official out of office as soon as they discover that his acts are inimical to the interests of the community.

The calling of the citizens together to lend force to the issue and to agitate for an appropriation and immediate attention to the work, is good now, as it would have been five years ago, when this matter was discussed as important and necessary. There can be no charge of neglect made on the part of any one, since the call for special appropriations which were needed, and the high rate of taxation, were so far as The Bulletin knows, the chief check upon the work.

It was thought to be within the province of the court of common council to proceed with this work heretofore, when reference is made to it; it is now their duty. The first thing in order should be the appropriation, then the commission to do the work, after which the draught must be accepted by the people and approved by the legislature.

It requires able, broadminded, painstaking citizens to draw up a charter which shall be a model; and then it takes faithful and honest officials to effectively carry out its provisions and to achieve the results hoped for.

THE REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.
The republican city ticket is attractive because of the excellent business character and well known qualifications of the men whose names adorn it; and also, because they stand for rational and economical city government.

There is no disputing the fact that the republicans are giving the taxpayers a denuded city government. In the past two years, have lessened the permanent interest rate, refunding the bonds, and come before the people with a handsome surplus in hand and with a pledge to conduct the business of the coming municipal year upon a 9-mill tax.

There was a time when The Bulletin declared that a 9-mill tax was inadequate when it was proposed and voted and so it proved at the time. Conditions have changed since that day because of the addition of over a million to the taxable value of the city which gives upon a 9-mill levy a much greater sum of money.

If the citizens are to be kept from being lured by the siren song of the republican candidates are men who will, so far as possible, see that public business is done with the same conscientious care as private business. They are good men and true and should be elected.

Now that John Burroughs has condemned the English sparrows, the little outlaws seem to have no friends of importance left—Boston Transcript. So long as his Creator is silent, the sparrow has one friend of importance.

The thermometer marked 120 degrees at Yuma, Arizona, the other day. It is said Spania captured a man from that town and he sent back home for his overcoat.

This is an age when expert writers set down 254 words a minute as good as print. This is not likely to be exceeded to any extent in the future.

FRANKLIN SQUARE TRAFFIC.

A democratic voter cried out against the express traffic done in Franklin square as an abomination and nuisance and in his condemnation of it he has the sympathy of most of the business men and a greater part of the people regardless of political predilections.

There should have been something done about it. Perhaps it would have been well to have nipped it in the bud, had it been possible. The best way to prevent nuisances is to make their establishment impossible. There was nothing of the kind done. There was not the Franklin square fountain removed to accommodate the double-track traffic in the interests of progress—a busier and a thriftier Norwich? The Bulletin favored it, as did the city government, and now it is a nuisance.

It is a point where force or law would be an unnecessary expense to the people, without being likely to achieve as much as would a quiet and persistent campaign for better arrangements. The Connecticut company always seeks the road will of the people, for in it lies the patronage and the dividends which they are working for.

Reasonable action under any city government would be likely to attain the object, and from the cramped condition of the square at noon, the inference is that the company itself would like to find a better place in which to do the work. There can be little pleasure or profit in the shifts which have to be made to accommodate the express traffic there.

Franklin square is what the servants of the people have permitted it to become; and it can be changed by any administration the moment the people, regardless of party, by concerted action disclose that it must be.

BLOCK ISLAND POLITICS.
To the Connecticut excursions which make Block Island their destination in the summer time, the island does not look populous enough to excite any political hubbub inshore; but the Connecticut has had stubborn and powerful politicians and has played a prominent part in Rhode Island politics. There is trouble about the inland fisheries commission, and this is what the Providence Journal has to say about it.

"For the first time, apparently, in the long and praiseworthy record of the inland fisheries commission, politics has now interfered with its conduct. Block Island politics, politics of a kind that before now has proved offensive and costly to the people of Rhode Island. To an intelligent public judgment there can be no blinking the impudence of this raid of Block Island politicians into the trusteeship of the inland fisheries commission. The circumstances of their enterprise fairly betray the sinister intent. It represents a grab for public funds and a selfish concern for the pocket of a few individuals. It means that the legislature session—notoriously an occasion for huckstering, buccaneering, for the playing of cheap politics, and for the employment of the steam roller—the regular appropriation in favor of the commission was held up in the senate and its passage made subject to the passage of the lobster-bounty measure. The majority leader is quoted as having explained that there was a 'strong feeling that the work of the commission had not justified its expense.' Who harbored that feeling does not appear, and it subsided as soon as the Block Island graft bill was safe."

This is pretty plain talk; and it indicates that Block Island is "up to snuff" in political chicanery, if not in other things.

Governor Pothier signed the bill and is now charged with having as little backbone as a jellyfish, and he is calmly told that in the premises he can say nothing that is calculated to make a favorable impression on public opinion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
What is rarer than snowflakes on a June morning?

Milk inspection is what Boston is crying for and is very likely to get.

There is some merit in shooting to kill, but that is what policemen seldom do.

Night baseball is among the prominent new things for this season in the large cities.

They are shouting "Legislation by Jack-pot must stop in Illinois!" Who started the game?

At gambling Coleman was known as a good loser. All other good qualities were lost in the game.

Colonel Roosevelt handed out what was upon his conscience, whether it suited Great Britain or not.

A 14-year-old Dorchester girl has walked 108 miles in 24 hours. This speaks well for her endurance.

Happy thought for today: The everyday smile is often a show curtain behind which lurks a disturbed mind.

It needs hardly be said that a man who votes as his grudge is, not as his principles direct, degrades the ballot.

In the corporation tax issue it is now expected that a decision as to its constitutionality will be reached about December.

The way in which bags of gold are being hung up to tempt aviators to do their best, shows flying for wealth is the fashion.

In three days more all political anxiety in municipal circles will be over. The citizens are bound to get what they vote for on Monday.

So many emigrants are flocking into the Canadian northwest that the hotels cannot accommodate them and they are sheltered by tents.

The average man when he talks home politics doesn't get a much better grip of his subject than he does when talking of Halley's comet.

Can't Black Jack's Eyes.
Jim Jeffries, who blacked the eyes of both his sparring partners in Thursday's practice, may have been trying to harmonize them with Jack Johnson's color scheme.—Galveston News.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

RED ROSES.

"I'd like to know one thing," said the girl, settling herself comfortably after the young man came to call. "I'd like to know how many people in this town are capable of acting as silly as I did today."

"I might be able to tell you approximately," said the young man. "Still, before you began your confession just now I didn't suppose you were capable of doing anything silly."

"Why, how nice of you to say that!" returned the girl.

"Proceed with the terrible details," said the young man.

"Well," related the girl, "my Aunt Isabel wrote that her son George—my cousin, you know—"

"Cousin, cousin," mused the young man, interrupting her. "Cousin George! But go on."

"She wrote that Cousin George was going to pass through Chicago today when he asked me to meet him and help him do some shopping for her. Well, I had never seen George in my life. So I wrote to Aunt Isabel to tell him to wear a red rose in his button-hole and that I would wear a red rose also."

"Romantic, I must say," said the young man.

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"I withdrew from her embrace as quickly as possible and assured her that she was mistaken in thinking me her cousin just in from Denver. I observed that the girl wore a red rose."

"I could not have been hard-hearted enough to disappoint her."

"She had hardly subsided when a little old woman came up wearing a red rose and asked if I was Sarah. When I told her that I was not she almost cried. She said that she was to have met her granddaughter there at 9:30 o'clock and the girl had not come."

"If you had said you were her granddaughter she might have left you everything she had in her will."

"I saw four other girls wearing red roses," went on the girl, "though it was only a minute before George rushed in. I recognized him at once; he was so tall and good looking. And his manners were so good."

"I have good manners myself," said the young man ingratiatingly.

"George was very cordial," the girl proceeded. "I am ever so glad to see you, cousin," he said. "Is that next chair taken or may I have it?" Then he told me all about his trip. He said his mother sent her love and he explained that he had been late because he had stopped to check his suit case. He asked me a lot of questions about myself. We were getting on famously when the crash came."

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Taking a Practical View.
There is something at once practical and pathetic in the statement that comes from Vancouver made by a woman on a Clark county ranch. Her husband, a married man, had been in the compact, which included work on the ranch in conjunction with an industrious wife for the maintenance of themselves and three children, left home several days ago and has not since been heard from. After putting in a field of oats, milking four cows morning and night and taking care of the children, the chickens and the garden, the energetic woman went to Vancouver and sought the aid of the county attorney in compelling her husband to return and take up his part of their mutual burden. According to the record she does not want to prosecute the delinquent husband and father; she only wants him to come back and help her provide for and take care of the children.

Here is a genuine and practical as well as an energetic woman. With all of her energy she realizes her limitations. She also realizes that children are a joint responsibility from which neither party to the compact of bringing them up has a right to be absolved and from which neither can, in justice to the other or to their children, be absolved. If she has a contempt for the paternal shirk to whom she is married she does not express it. She needs help in a material way in rearing the children.—Portland Oregonian.

China's Advancement.
While China is shaken with premonitory symptoms of rebellion, it is encouraging to note that the imperial government at Peking is taking measures to confer broader privileges upon the people in the immediate future. Recent edicts provide for the execution of the previous pledge to grant a constitution and also for the establishment of a parliament, the convening of which is fixed for October. The abolition of certain forms of domestic slavery is also guaranteed. If selfish considerations were to prevail the occidental powers should view these developments with alarm, since an enlightened China, equipped with the means of national advancement in many fields, will be a formidable factor in the making of world history. Even now there is a Chinese army in training on the most approved modern system. If, as is deemed possible, military service be made compulsory in China, as it is in most European countries, one may be readily conceive what, with a population of 400,000,000 to draw upon, may be accomplished in the upbuilding of a military establishment. A progressive government, buttressed with such an armed force, should constitute a power of colossal significance.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

For New Haven Post Office Site.
Congressman Sperry says that \$15,000 has already been recommended by the sub-committee on United States buildings and grounds for the new postoffice site in New Haven. This will, it is said, form a good basis to work on for the new postoffice building.

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